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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 24, 2015

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Authorization to contract with Erie Regional Housing Development Corp  
for provision of Transportation Services**

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to contract with Erie Regional Housing Development Corp., (commonly known as The Belle Center) under the Community Services for the Elderly grant for the period May 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, to provide transportation services for seniors as part of the Going Places transportation program.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, I encourage you to contact Randy Hoak Commissioner of Senior Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

Enclosure  
MCP/mc

cc: Randy Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
From: Senior Services  
Re: Authorization to contract with Erie Regional Housing Development Corp  
for provision of Transportation Services  
Date: April 24, 2015

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### **SUMMARY**

Approve the attached resolution to authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract in the amount of \$9,827 with Erie Regional Housing Development Corp (also known as the Belle Center) to provide Transportation Services to frail elderly residents as part of the Department's Going Places program and to amend the 2015-16 Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) grant budget.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No additional County funds are required. Funds are currently available in the 2015-16 CSE grant.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Since the American Red Cross has decided to withdraw from its transportation program there will be a need to continue to offer this service to the clients that depend on it. The Department of Senior Services has selected the Erie Regional Housing Development Corp to take over the contract.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The American Red Cross has decided to withdraw from offering to certain community services. This includes the contract with Erie County to provide transportation to older adults within the community. The Erie Regional Housing Development Corp currently contracts with the Department of Senior Services as a congregate dining site and owns two vans and has been selected to take over the contract.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Department of Senior Services will be unable to meet the need for transportation services for the elderly.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Department of Senior Services will process the budget revision and execute the contract.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES**

**RE: Authorization to contract with Erie  
Regional Housing Development Corp  
for provision of Transportation Services**

**WHEREAS, the 2015 Erie County Budget includes funds appropriated for the  
Community Services for the Elderly (CSE), including \$10,720 allocated for the American Red  
Cross; and**

**WHEREAS, the adopted 2015 budget for the 163CSE1516 grant included an  
appropriation \$10,720 for the American Red Cross to provide transportation services; and**

**WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, serving Erie and Niagara Counties, has decided to  
withdraw from offering community services including transportation for seniors after April 30,  
2015; and**

**WHEREAS, Erie Regional Housing Development Corp owns two vans and is currently a  
congregate dining site for the Department of Senior Services; and**

**WHEREAS, the Department has selected the Erie Regional Housing Corp to replace the  
American Red Cross, serving Erie and Niagara Counties, to provide transportation to older adults  
through the Department's Going Places program;**

**WHEREAS, the Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) grant budget for the period  
of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 is in need of revision.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to contract with Erie  
Regional Housing Development Corp to provide Transportation Services for frail elderly through  
the Department's Going Places program for the period of May 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016  
neighborhoods at a cost of \$9,827 and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the budget for the CSE grant, be revised as follows:

<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>CURRENT BUDGET</b>	<b>CHANGES</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET</b>
Account	Description			
517521	American Red Cross	\$10,720	-\$9,827	\$893
517604	Erie Regional Housing Dev Corp	0	<u>+9,827</u>	\$9,827
	<b>TOTAL CHANGE</b>		\$0	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office, and the Departments of Law and Senior Services.